The Washington City Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Present were: Mac Hodges, Mayor; Virginia Finnerty, Mayor Pro tem; Doug Mercer, Councilmember; Richard Brooks, Councilmember; Larry Beeman; Councilmember and William Pitt, Councilmember. Also present: Bobby Roberson, City Manager; Franz Holscher, City Attorney and Cynthia S. Bennett, City Clerk.

Mayor Hodges called the meeting to order and Councilmember Brooks delivered the invocation.

PRESENTATION:

The Rena K. Terrell award is a public trust honor designed to celebrate those active in historic preservation. Mrs. Rena K. Terrell, the award's namesake, was one of the area's most active historic preservation promoters. She was a founding member of the Historic Preservation Commission, a member of the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the City's official representative on the Board of Directors of the Historic Albemarle Tour. These awards are made in Rena's memory since she was devoted to preserving our historic resources and assets.

Scott Campbell of Century 21 has graciously sponsored this event so that each winner received pewter cups for their hard work.

2016 held four recognizing categories:



Good Neighbor: The Washington Waterfront Underground Railroad Museum



Commercial Property: Joe Taylor at Morris Insurance Company.



Stewardship: Frank and Alice Stallings



Residential Property: Ambrose and Diane Lewis

GFOA CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN FINANCIAL REPORTING



Mayor Hodges poses for a photo with Matt Rauschenbach, CFO for receiving the GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

By motion of Councilmember Pitt, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council approved the minutes of May 23, 2016 as presented.

APPROVAL/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Hodges reviewed the requested amendments to the agenda:

➤ Remove for discussion - Consent Item B: <u>Approve</u> - Recreation Concession Budget Ordinance Amendment

By motion of Councilmember Mercer, seconded by Councilmember Beeman, Council approved the agenda as amended

CONSENT AGENDA:

By motion of Councilmember Mercer, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council approved the consent agenda as amended.

A. Approve – Way Finding Capital Project Ordinance Amendment

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR THE WAY FINDING PROJECT CITY OF WASHINGTON, N.C. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina:

<u>Section 1.</u> That the Estimated Revenues in the Way Finding Capital Project be increased in the amount of \$10,000 in the account TDA Contribution, account number 69-60-3352-0001

Section 2. That the following accounts be increased or decreased in the Way Finding Capital Project Fund:

69-60-8000-4500

Installation

\$10,000

<u>Section 3.</u> All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. <u>Section 4.</u> This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 13th day of June, 2016.

ATTEST:

s/Cynthia S. Bennett City Clerk s/Mac Hodges Mayor

- B. *Removed from consent for discussion:* Approve Recreation Concession Budget Ordinance Amendment
- C. <u>Accept/Adopt</u> Edge Technology Grant and <u>Adopt</u> Budget Ordinance Amendment

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, N.C. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina:

<u>Section 1.</u> That the Estimated Revenues in the General Fund be increased in the following amounts and accounts:

10-40-3611-3303

EZ Technology Grant

\$ 4,650

<u>Section 2.</u> That the following account numbers in the General Fund appropriations budget be increased in the amounts indicated:

10-40-6110-4500

Contract Services

\$ 4,650

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 13th day of June, 2016.

ATTEST:

s/Cynthia S. Bennett City Clerk s/Mac Hodges Mayor

<u>ITEM B FROM CONSENT AGENDA:</u> REMOVED FROM CONSENT FOR DISCUSSION: APPROVE – RECREATION CONCESSION BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

<u>BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:</u> Concession expense needs to be appropriated to correspond with revenue that has been collected for concession sales.

Councilmember Mercer expressed concern regarding the concessions budget ordinance. Mr. Rauschenbach explained this was a result of an oversight in the budget process when we budgeted revenue but failed to budget expenditure.

By motion of Councilmember Beeman, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council approved a Budget Ordinance Amendment to appropriate funds equivalent to the amount of concession revenue collected.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, N.C. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina:

<u>Section 1.</u> That the Estimated Revenues in the General Fund be increased in the following amounts and accounts:

10-00-3991-9910 Fund Balance Appropriated \$ 3,000

<u>Section 2.</u> That the following account numbers in the General Fund appropriations budget be increased in the amounts indicated:

 10-40-6121-4800
 Special Event Concessions
 \$ 2,000

 10-40-6126-4800
 Aquatic Center Concessions
 1,000

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 13th day of June, 2016.

ATTEST:

s/Cynthia S. Bennett City Clerk s/Mac Hodges Mayor

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Harold Robinson, WHDA came forward to ask Council's permission to proceed with flower/planter project in the downtown area. Mr. Robinson stated that someone has agreed to donate the 12 brackets (to be placed on the utility poles) as well as the planters, plants and other necessary material including upkeep and replacement of plants. The only expense the City would have would be watering.

Councilmembers asked to see photos of the plantings prior to installation. Discussion was held regarding the need for a memorandum of understanding stating everyone's responsibilities with the project. Harold Robinson will prepare the memorandum of understanding.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING 6:00PM- ZONING:</u> NONE

PUBLIC HEARING 6:00PM - OTHER: NONE

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE AND SPECIAL REPORTS

MEMO – WATERFRONT DOCKING AGREEMENTS – LEASES

Background and Findings: Attached are the proposed Waterfront Docking Agreements for the following entities:

- 1. Little Washington Sailing School, Inc.
- 2. NC Estuarium River Rover
- 3. Seatow IBX
- 4. ECU R/V Riggs

These leases have been updated to reflect new information for each water craft and to reflect the new extension period of every five (5) years. The proposed changes are highlighted in yellow and the removal of information is shown by a strike-thru. The documents are for review only and we hope to have the new agreements approved during the June 27, 2016 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Mercer expressed concern with the contracts going from yearly renewal to 5 year renewal period. He feels the renewal period should be two, maybe three years instead. Discussion was held regarding waiving the rent for some vessels. Mr. Roberson noted that he instructed staff to increase the renewal period to five years, but he is fine with a two or three year period. Mr. Rodman noted that numerous items had been changed on the agreements and he wanted Council to have ample time to review them.

Council, by consensus, agreed to a two year renewal period. Mr. Rodman will make the necessary changes and bring the leases back to Council for approval.

MEMO – BUDGET TRANSFER GENERAL FUND

(approved as presented)

The Budget Officer transferred \$13,000 of funds between the Economic Development and EMS departments of the General Fund appropriations budget to provide funds for EMS billing and collection services related to exceeding budgeted revenue. NCGS 159-15 states that this shall be reported to the Council at its next regular meeting and be entered in the minutes.

From:	10-00-4650-4500	ED Projects	\$13,000
To:	10-10-4341-4500	EMS Billing	\$10,000
	10-00-4341-4505	EMS Bad Debt Collection	\$ 3,000

Discussion was held regarding why the transfer was not taken out of revenue collections. Mr. Rauschenbach noted he opted to transfer the money out of economic development due to conservative reasons.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES: NONE

APPOINTMENTS:

<u>Planning Board- (Larry Beeman – Liaison)</u>

By motion of Councilmember Beeman, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council appointed Gillian Jones to the Planning Board, to fill the expiring term of Dan McNeill, term to expire June 30, 2019.

Board of Adjustment - (Richard Brooks - Liaison)

By motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Beeman, Council appointed Richard McDonald to the Board of Adjustment, to fill the expiring term of Charlie Manning, term to expire June 30, 2019.

By motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Beeman, Council appointed Andy Olsen to the Board of Adjustment (Alternate Member) to fill the un-expired term of Ronald Lundy, term to expire June 30, 2017.

Recreation Advisory Committee – (Richard Brooks – Liaison)

By motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Beeman, Council reappointed Michele Oros (outside) to the Recreation Advisory Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2019.

By motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Beeman, Council reappointed Joe Taylor (inside) to the Recreation Advisory Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2019.

By motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Beeman, Council reappointed Dallis Tucker (inside) to the Recreation Advisory Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2019.

<u>Historic Preservation Commission – (Virginia Finnerty – Liaison)</u>

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Finnerty, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council appointed Cheri Vaughn to the Historic Preservation Commission to fill the expiring term of Monica Ferrari, term to expire June 30, 2019.

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Finnerty, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council reappointed Mark Everett to the Historic Preservation Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2019.

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Finnerty, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council reappointed William Kenner to the Historic Preservation Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Washington Tourism Development Authority - (Virginia Finnerty-Liaison)

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Finnerty, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council appointed Larry Stegal to the Washington Tourism Development Authority, to fill the expiring term of Piyush Bhagat term to expire June 30, 2019.

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Finnerty, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council appointed William Clark to the Washington Tourism Development Authority, to fill the expiring term of Fred Watkins, III term to expire June 30, 2019.

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Finnerty, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council appointed John Butler to the Washington Tourism Development Authority, to fill the expiring term of Neil Woolard term to expire June 30, 2019.

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Finnerty, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council reappointed Jackie Woolard to the Washington Tourism Development Authority, term to expire June 30, 2019.

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Finnerty, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council appointed Beth Byrd to the Washington Tourism Development Authority to fill a vacant unexpired term. Term to expire June 30, 2017. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilmember Mercer opposing.

<u>Human Relations Council – (William Pitt – Liaison)</u>

By motion of Councilmember Pitt, seconded by Councilmember Beeman, Council reappointed William O'Pharrow to the Human Relations Council, term to expire June 30, 2019.

By motion of Councilmember Pitt, seconded by Councilmember Beeman, Council appointed Unique Anderson to the Human Relations Council to fill a vacant term. Term to expire June 30, 2019.

Animal Control Appeals Board – (Doug Mercer – Liaison)

By motion of Councilmember Mercer, seconded by Councilmember Beeman, Council reappointed Ty Carter to the Animal Control Appeals Board with a term to expire June 30, 2019.

By motion of Councilmember Mercer, seconded by Councilmember Beeman, Council reappointed Monica Ferrari to the Animal Control Appeals Board with a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Washington Electric Utilities Advisory Board – (Larry Beeman – Liaison)

By motion of Councilmember Beeman, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council reappointed Stewart Rumley to the Washington Electric Utilities Advisory Commission (Alternate At-Large Member) with a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Washington-Warren Airport Advisory Board – (Doug Mercer – Liaison)

By motion of Councilmember Mercer, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council reappointed Patrick Nash (outside) to the Washington-Warren Airport Advisory Board with a term to expire June 30, 2019.

By motion of Councilmember Mercer, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council reappointed Gilbert Alligood (inside) to the Washington-Warren Airport Advisory Board with a term to expire June 30, 2019.

<u>Waterfront Docks Advisory Committee – (Mac Hodges – Liaison)</u>

By motion of Councilmember Beeman, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council approved Mayor Hodges' nominations for re-appointment of the following members to the Waterfront Docks Advisory Committee:

- *Jeffrey Woolard (inside), term to expire June 30, 2019
- *Fred Watkins (outside), term to expire June 30, 2019
- *Ray Midgett (inside), term to expire June 30, 2019

Washington Housing Authority – (Mayor Hodges makes appointments)

Mayor Hodges re-appointed Tom Payne to the Washington Housing Authority with a term to expire June 30, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>APPROVE</u> – BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT & PURCHASE ORDER – 2016 SMEAL FIRE ENGINE

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS: After receiving proposals for stock/demo fire engines from the vendors and considering which truck best met our specifications, we are requesting the approval to purchase an in stock Smeal fire engine from Smeal Fire Apparatus. The primary justification for this choice is that it's top mount pump design and specifications best meet the needs of the department for a front line fire engine. After meeting with the sales representative and completing the specification process to more specifically equip the truck to meet our specifications the submitted base proposal price of \$444,986 increased the final delivery price to \$466,342.23. The truck was manufactured in January 2016 and currently has an estimated 5,700 miles as it is being used as a factory stock/demo truck. Included in the price of the truck, the vendor will schedule travel to the factory in Nebraska by two departmental representatives for final inspection of the truck prior to delivery.

BID PROPOSALS VENDOR LISTING

All vendors received copies of Request for Proposals via e-mail on April 25, 2016. All proposals were due back no later than May 20, 2016.

<u>VENDOR</u>	TRUCK BRAND	Bid Proposal
C.W. Williams	Rosenbauer	\$433,286
Atlantic Coast Fire Trucks	Smeal	\$444,986
Fire Connections	E – One	454,000
Fire Connections	E – One	\$474,000
Atlantic Emergency	Pierce	\$486,476
C & C Fire Apparatus	Ferrara	No bid proposal received
Mike Watts	Toyne	No stock inventory
First Choice Fire	Spartan Custom	No bid proposal received

By motion of Councilmember Pitt, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council approved the Budget Ordinance Amendment and subsequent purchase order in the amount of \$466,342.23 for the purchase of a 2016 in stock/Demo Smeal Fire Engine.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, N.C. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina:

<u>Section 1.</u> That the Estimated Revenues in the Vehicle Replacement Fund be increased in the following amounts and accounts:

86-60-3991-9910 Fund Balance Appropriated

\$ 500,000

<u>Section 2.</u> That the following account numbers in the Vehicle Replacement Fund appropriations budget be increased in the amounts indicated:

86-60-4930-4340

Vehicle Replacement-Fire

\$ 500,000

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

<u>Section 4.</u> This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 13th day of June, 2016.

ATTEST:

s/Cynthia S. Bennett City Clerk s/Mac Hodges Mayor

<u>ADOPT</u> – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOAN ASSISTANCE FROM CLEAN STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS: In March of 2015 the City of Washington applied for a loan from Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program. The loan is to be used for sewer rehabilitation in an effort to reduce infiltration into the sanitary sewer system through a combination of lining existing pipe, point repairs, pipe replacement and manhole lining. The City of Washington has been approved for \$2,000,000 with \$500,000 in principal forgiveness.

Councilmember Mercer asked about the interest rate and Mr. Rauschenbach noted the terms are a zero interest loan with \$500,000 principal forgiveness.

By motion of Councilmember Mercer, seconded by Councilmember Beeman, Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the loan assistance from The Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program.

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS,
the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 has authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cos of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems, water conservation projects, and

WHEREAS,
the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered a State Revolvir
Loan in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the construction of Sanitary Sewer Systel
Rehabilitation 2015, and

Rehabilitation 2015, and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington intends to construct said project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

approved plans and specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON:

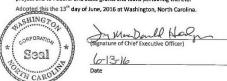
That the City of Washington, does hereby accept the State Revolving Loan offer of \$2,000,000.

Department of Environmental Quality that all items specified in the loan offer, Section I

— Assurance will be adhered to.

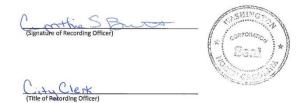
That Mac Hodges, Mayor, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the City of Washington has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.



CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Washington does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the acceptance of a loan with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Washington City Council duly held on the 13th day of June, 2016; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of June, 2016.



<u>APPROVE – GRIMESLAND PROJECT ENGINEER PURCHASE ORDER TO BOOTH & ASSOCIATES, INC.</u>

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS: Project is budgeted for FY 2016 fiscal year. Booth will manage the bidding process for this project with bids to be received and awarded prior to fiscal year end. Project is to provide electric tie in from Clarks Neck Road to Wharton Station Road and includes a river crossing.

Jeff Clark, Interim Electric Director explained this will be a complete bid package put out by Booth & Associates. Councilmember Mercer stated that if someone does engineering the requisition should require the preparation of the bid package.

By motion of Councilmember Beeman, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council approved a \$20,000 PO to Booth & Associates, Inc. for developing the bid specifications and managing the bid process for the Grimesland Road project.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ANY OTHER ITEMS FROM CITY MANAGER: DISCUSSION – JULY 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Manager noted that historically, Council only meets one time in July. It was suggested to not meet on July 11th and only meet on July 25th. Council will formally vote on this item on June 27th.

DISCUSSION – WAIVE IMPACT FEES FOR 6 MONTHS

Background and Findings: The Public Works Department currently charges impact fees for water and sewer taps. The cost for residential services is \$332 for water and \$588 for sewer. The funds collected from these impact fees are used for infrastructure improvements only; these fees are not used for operations.

In an effort to increase residential development, I am requesting your consideration to waive water and sewer impact fees for a period of six months beginning July 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016. By waiving these fees, it will save a residential customer building a new home \$920.

Current	Fee	Proposed	Fee
Water Tap Fee	800.00	Water Tap Fee	800.00
Sewer Tap Fee	1,000.00	Sewer Tap Fee	1,000.00
Water Impact Fee	332.00	Water Impact Fee	0
Sewer Impact Fee	588.00	Sewer Impact Fee	0
Total	\$ 2,720.00	Total	\$ 1,800.00

Bobby Roberson, City Manager stated we only have two subdivisions showing new construction. This could be an engine to improve new construction in our area. Councilmember Mercer has concern with waiving fees on a 10, 20 or 30 lot subdivision – we could lose a substantial amount of revenue. Mayor Hodges suggested implementing a maximum of 5 lots. Councilmember liked this idea and noted the need for promoting the topic. Mr. Roberson will bring the item back for formal approval on June 27th.

DISCUSSION – BUG HOUSE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The City Manager explained the Rotary Club is willing to take on some projects at Bug House Park. He continued by saying Kristi Roberson had a great suggestion about "bugs in the park" – playground equipment in the shape of bugs. Plans are to remove the chain link fence and look at additional equipment for this park (swings, etc.). Mayor Hodges noted that the Rotary Club makes a substantial amount of money with Smoke on the Water and the reverse raffle and they are willing to assist in funding the Bug House Park project. Rotary had a similar agreement with Jaycees from 1950-1980 for Haven's Gardens. Mayor Hodges said Bug House Park would be an excellent park for toddlers or 1-5 year old children.

Mr. Roberson stated the original bid to re-surface the tennis courts didn't work out as the contractor backed out on his bid. Mr. Roberson said he will look at other options. Councilmember Pitt asked why the contractor backed out of the agreement. Mr. Roberson noted the contracted said the soil was too wet and water was coming through the concrete. The contractor felt the tennis courts weren't worth fixing. Councilmember Mercer said if the contractor is reluctant due to the location of the courts, then we could accept a 90 day warranty and then move on. Discussion was held regarding the terms of the agreement.

DISCUSSION – PAY AND CLASSIFICATION STUDY

Mr. Roberson explained that staff issued RFP's for the pay and classification study with the hopes of awarding the contract in July. Councilmember Mercer asked that Council be able to specify a list of cities to be used in the study.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR OR OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

Councilmember Pitt suggested staff look into training for their respective boards and commissions. The School of Government could assist with this training. Councilmember Brooks suggested the training should include a review of the rules of procedure for each board.

Mayor Hodges thanked the Public Works employees for cleaning up after Summer Festival. He also thanked the Chamber of Commerce for revising the Summer Festival as more of a community event with local churches and local craft vendors.

<u>CLOSED SESSION:</u> UNDER NCGS § 143-318.11(A)(3) ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE, (A)(5) POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITION, AND (A)(6) PERSONNEL

By motion of Councilmember Pitt, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council entered into closed session under NCGS § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney Client Privilege, (A)(5) Potential Land Acquisition to discuss the following properties: 401 West 3rd, 307 N. Market St., 5th St. & Bonner St. and the Industrial Park, under (A)(6) Personnel at 6:36pm.

By motion of Councilmember Pitt, seconded by Councilmember Beeman, Council agreed to come out of closed session at 8:10pm.

ADJOURN

By motion of Councilmember Pitt, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm until Monday, June 27, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers

Cynthia S. Bennett, MMC City Clerk